

# Ft. Pierce Police Department

## News Release

November 24, 2010

**R. Sean Baldwin**

*Chief of Police*



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## Fort Pierce Police Department Arrest Burglary Suspect

Case Number – 2010-4- 13187

Burglary- Bangkok Restaurant 217 Orange Avenue Fort Pierce, Florida

### Arrested:

Michael Conte 01-07-1961

LKA- 2443 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Southeast Vero Beach, Florida

### Narrative

On November 23, 2010 Fort Pierce Police Officers responded to the Bangkok Restaurant located at 217 Orange Avenue regarding an overnight burglary that occurred at the business. The owner of the restaurant told police that when he arrived at the store, he found that the business had been broken into and that \$400.00 in cash and two pieces of meat were taken during the burglary.

While investigating the case, Fort Pierce Police Officer Steve Sobon viewed video evidence from the burglary and noticed that he had interviewed the subject (Michael Conte) just a few minutes earlier. According to Officer Sobon, Mr. Conte was riding a bicycle and carrying a blue recycling bin. When Sobon spoke with Conte, he noticed that the man had two Smithfield Center Cut Pork Chops in the recycling bin. When asked about the meat, Conte told Officer Sobon that he had been given the chops from a restaurant on Avenue D. Because the contact had occurred prior to the reporting of the burglary at the restaurant, Officer Sobon released Conte at this time.

It was a short time later that Sobon was summoned to the store and found out that not only was Conte the suspected burglar (as shown in the video evidence) but that he was still in possession of some of the suspected stolen property. Fort Pierce Police Officers tried to locate Conte again, but were unsuccessful. On November 24, 2010, while on routine patrol, Officer David Petry located Mr. Conte and arrested him based on probable cause for the burglary to the Bangkok Restaurant. None of the property was recovered. Conti is currently being transported to the St. Lucie County Jail.

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